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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION BY TOURISTS AND OTHERS OF WILDLIFE AND
IVORY PRODUCTS INTO THE U.S.

REF: (A) CUSTOMS 3913, (B) 76 STATE 187836, (C) 75 STATE 302669

1. MR. DAVID M. WHITING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF QUOTE
BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY UNQUOTE, A BRITISH WILDLIFE
PRESERVATION ORGANIZATION, HAS REQUESTED FROM US AN
OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF U.S. LAW AND POLICY ON THE
IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES OF SUCH WILDLIFE
PRODUCTS AS REPTILE SKINS AND IVORY. HE INTENDS TO USE
THIS STATEMENT TO INFORM POTENTIAL AMERICAN BUYERS
THAT SUCH ARTICLES CANNOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE UNITED STATES.
HIS PURPOSE IS TO DISCOURAGE THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIAN HUNTERS,
POACHERS, AND TRADERS IN IVORY AND WILDLIFE GOODS,
SINCE HE BELIEVES THAT SUCH ACTIVITIY IS BASED IN SUBSTANTIAL
PART ON THE FACT THAT THESE COMMODITIES CAN BE OFFERED TO
AMERICAN VISITORS WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND CLEARLY
THAT THEY CANNOT LEGALLY BRING THEM HOME TO
THE UNITED STATES.

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2. BASED ON REFTELS, WHICH REPRESENT OUR
FRAGMENTARY AND POSSIBLY OUT-DATED KNOWLEDGE
OF U.S.G. RULES IN THE MATTER, AND ON INFORMATION
FROM WHITING, WE PROPOSE TO GIVE HIM THE FOLLOWING
TEXT AS THE STATEMENT OF U.S. LAW IN THE MATTER WHICH
HE IS REQUESTING.

3. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT: UNITED STATES LAW BANS
ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES OF ANY PRODUCT, INCLUDING
IVORY PRODUCTS, DERIVED FROM ASIAN AND AFRICAN
ELEPHANTS, SINCE BOTH OF THESE HAVE BEEN DELCARED
ENDANGERED SPECIES. IT IS ALSO AGAINST UNITED STATE
LAW TO BRING INTO THE UNITED STATES ANY PRODUCTS,
SUCH AS CERTAIN REPTILE (CROCODILE AND SNAKE) SKINS, WHICH HAVE
LEFTINDIA IN VIOLATION OF INDIAN LAW. END TEXT.

4. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH A TEXT IS ACCURATE
AND SUITABLE FOR RELEASE TO MR. WHITING. IF THAT
IS NOT THE CASE, REQUEST IF FEASIBLE SUBSTITUTE
STATEMENT OF RELEVANT U.S. LAW AND/OR REGULATIONS.
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